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Muhammad Here—Malcolm Where?

Black Muslim leader Elijah Muhammad emerged today as undisputed victor in his great power struggle with rebel Black Nationalist Malcolm X.

So overwhelming was his triumph in Harlem yesterday that within a few hours Mal-

colm X, appearing before a sparse, almost disinterested

audience, disbanded his raggedly organized Muslim Mosque and left the Muslim movement—with its religious coloration—entirely to Muhammad.

Explaining "it was not my purpose to become involved in a fight with the Black Muslims," Malcolm announced he was forming a new group to be known as the Organization for Afro-American Unity. His appeal of recruits drew little response.

The lack of enthusiasm appeared to stem from recognition that Malcolm's thrust for militant Negro leadership had been all but killed by Muhammad's visit here to stabilize unrest created by Malcolm's defection and formation of the rival Black Nationalists.

The success of Muhammad's efforts seemed evident in Malcolm's grudging suggestion that:

HE'S FINISHED

"For a period of time let us not be too hard on other Afro-American leaders. Let's give them a little time to straighten up. If they don't straighten up, well that's another thing . . .

dumped, cut and bruised against an iron fence.

A solid wall of Muslim guards linking arms in a square around the besieged man prevented spectators and even policemen from interrupting themselves and cracking each other heads, let them go down South and crack a few of those racist heads."

All this led one of Malcolm's 600 listeners in the half-filled Audubon Ballroom, 166th st. and Broadway to comment:

"Malcolm is scared of Muhammad . . . I think Malcolm is finished as a leader of the Negro people. He's like a general without an army."

Malcolm's failure was proclaimed hours earlier when Muhammad told an overflow rally of some 10,000 followers at the 369th Regiment Armory, 145th st. and 5th ave.:

"Some person wants to be what I am but that person is not able to be what I am."

He didn't even mention Malcolm by name.

If there was any doubt that Muhammad's power could be

backed up by force, it was dispelled by two incidents of violence.

When the Muslims' special elite guard, the Fruit of Islam, intercepted a Negro who failed to show "proper identification" while entering the Armory, he was kicked, pummeled, passed hand-to-hand outside and

"If this is not done, you can expect trouble and more trouble."

He denied accusations by a Muslim guard officer that he was a follower of Malcolm X.

The second incident involved Jesus Emanuel, of Philadelphia, Pa., self-styled "blood son of the original Mother and Father Devine," who was attacked by two Negroes as he passed out leaflets near the Armory branding Muhammad "a mixed bred phony." His nose was broken and two of his teeth knocked out.

Inside the Armory, FOI members patrolled the aisles, using walkie-talkies to communicate with each other. All persons entering were searched by the FOI, which relieved them of such items as matches or pocket knives as a security measure.

AIRTIGHT GUARD

The airtight guard was dictated by a report last week that Muhammad might be assassinated.

Reasserting his proposal that America's Negroes be given a territory, or state, of their own, Muhammad warned:

"If this is not done, you can expect trouble and more trouble."

Listening with rapt attention in a front row seat on the platform was heavyweight boxing champion Cassius Clay, known in the Muslims as Muhammad Ali, who occasionally called out "Teach us!" and "Yes, Sir!"

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MALCOLM X HAS HIS SAY . .

"... Let's Crack a ~~White~~ *Prav* *Racist* Head!"

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